

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2477

January 20, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases penalty for assault against a sports official causing bodily injury or reasonable fear of bodily injury from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. Increases penalty for intentionally or knowingly causing extremely offensive or provocative physical contact with a sports official from a Class B to a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$60,300/Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The number of convictions will grow in proportion to population growth. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09% per year for the past 10 years, yielding a projected compound population growth of 13.6% over the next 10 years. Ten Class E felony convictions in year one. Population growth will result in one additional conviction by year 10 (10 convictions x 13.6% = 1.36 additional convictions), for a total of 11 convictions in that year.
- Eleven Class E felony convictions on an annualized basis with 0.3 years time served (109.58 days). According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2006 is \$50.02. The cost per inmate is \$5,480.94 (109.58 days x \$50.02). The total operating cost for eleven offenders per year in current dollars is \$60,300 (\$5,480.94 x 11).
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A misdemeanor convictions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

** Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director